

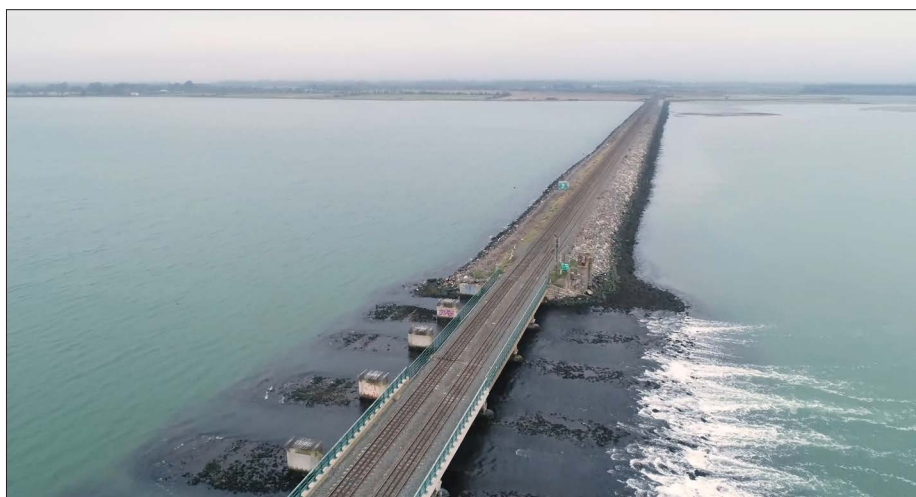
IRELAND'S GREENWAY PROJECTS ON TRACK TO RECEIVE €67M FUNDING

Total funding of €67m has been allocated by the Government for Greenways and National Roads Active Travel infrastructure through Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to support the delivery of several Greenway projects throughout the country over the coming year.

Approximately 24km of Greenways are expected to be rolled out this year, with further section openings expected on the Grand Canal Greenway and the South-East Greenway, while work is to continue on the South Kerry Greenway and other projects across the country.

Minister for Transport Darragh O'Brien, Minister of State Seán Canney and Minister of State Jerry Buttimer recently announced the €67m allocation, which will also be used to fund up to 60 Greenway schemes to move through the planning and design stages. These include the Fingal Coastal Way, Limerick to Scarriff, Burtonport to Letterkenny Greenway and the Arklow to Shillelagh Greenway.

The allocation will also be used to enable delivery of active travel infrastructure on national roads, and to progress the National Cycle Network which identifies 3,500 km of cycling corridors around the country linking cities and towns.



Broadmeadow Way – a 6km off-road cycling and walking route linking Malahide and Donabate across the scenic Broadmeadow Estuary – is due for completion in 2026.

WALKING/CYCLING SCHEMES

This allocation of €67m for the Greenways programme is in addition to €293m, which has been allocated to fund the Active Travel programme, as announced

by the National Transport Authority (NTA) in January 2025. This programme supports a range of walking and cycling schemes including improved pedestrian environments, new segregated cycling lanes, pedestrian and cycling bridges, and pedestrian crossings.

Minister O'Brien said that the combined allocation of €360m this year for active travel and greenway infrastructure demonstrates the government's strong commitment to expanding sustainable transport options.

"This funding will support the development of high-quality walking and cycling facilities in cities, towns, village and rural areas. The €67m investment will help deliver key greenway projects all over the country.

"For example, there is great excitement in my local community of Malahide as we anticipate the completion of the Broadmeadow Greenway in 2026, and we look forward to the progression of the Fingal Coastal Scheme north to Balbriggan."

PROGRESS TOWARDS VISION ZERO

Minister of State Seán Canney said that the continued expansion of our walking



Transport Minister Darragh O'Brien pictured in Malahide, following his announcement of €67m in funding for Greenways for the year ahead.

and cycling network through greenway and active travel infrastructure on Ireland's national roads is crucial in offering safe travel options to cyclists and pedestrians. "It also contributes to our progress towards Vision Zero, our road safety strategy which sets out to achieve zero road fatalities or serious injuries by 2050."

Minister of State Jerry Buttimer added that greenways have represented a tremendous success for rural Ireland. "They showcase our beautiful landscape, bringing visitors to overlooked areas and helping small local businesses to thrive. Greenways also provide an outdoor recreational facility to be enjoyed by all members of the community."

Peter Walsh, Chief Executive of TII, noted that the 2025 Greenway funding highlights the commitment of the Department of Transport and the Government to deliver active travel options throughout the country. "TII along with our local authority partners will continue to deliver and progress these important projects," he concluded.

For more information on the range of Greenways visit <https://greenwaysireland.org/>



Further section openings are expected on the Grand Canal Greenway this year.



The Waterford Greenway won the Grand Prix Award and was also crowned Ireland's 'Best Tourism Initiative at the LAMA Community and Council Tourism Awards in 2018.